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Note verbale dated 4 August 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council for the month of August 2008 and has the honour to attach herewith the letter from Hoshyar Zebari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Iraq also has the honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Letter dated 4 August 2008 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you the wish of my Government that the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) be extended for a further period of 12 months. The Government is mindful of the important role that the Mission plays in implementing its mandate, pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1500 (2003), 1546 (2004), 1557 (2004), 1619 (2005), 1700 (2006) and 1770 (2007).

The elected constitutional Government of Iraq, while affirming its wish that the mandate be extended, hopes that the provision of assistance will be in accordance with specific mechanisms and with the prior approval of the Government of Iraq, in the manner referred to in my letter dated 6 August 2007 (S/2007/481, annex).

My Government looks forward to a more effective role for UNAMI with the return to work in Iraq of the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes and their direct and valuable contribution to its reconstruction.

(*Signed*) Hoshyar **Zebari**
Minister for Foreign Affairs